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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Begaye DATE TYPED 2/28/05 HB 863

SHORT TITLE Native American Youth Sport and Culture Program SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$150.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department Indian Affairs (DIA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 863 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of funding a sports program for Native American youth participating in traditional sporting events that promote cultural heritage and education.

Significant Issues

The following is supplied by the Department Indian Affairs.

In 2002, New Mexico was represented at a similar sports and culture program, called the North American Indigenous Games, by 120 Pueblo, Navajo and Apache tribal youth. The goal of the North American Indigenous Games was to provide young athletes an opportunity to compete in various sporting events such as baseball, rowing, archery and boxing while instilling important Native American cultural values of teamwork, respect, spiritual awareness and responsibility. There was overwhelming interest by the New Mexico tribal youth to continue to participate in positive programs that promote cultural teachings. One goal is to increase the number of youth that represent New Mexico and the 22 NM tribes to 300-400 individuals at this national sporting event.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

In order to eliminate possible confusion, a section defining traditional Native American sports may be advisable.

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